



Milwaukee County

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SUPERVISOR BORKOWSKI HAS GOOD INTENTIONS, BUT WE MUST FOCUS ON MILWAUKEE COUNTY

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr., Chairman of the County Board's Transportation, Public Works & Transit Committee, released the following statement in response to Supervisor Mark Borkowski's criticism of the Committee's actions earlier today:

"I would like to commend my colleague, Supervisor Mark Borkowski, for his efforts to work collectively with the City of Milwaukee on transit issues. I agree with Supervisor Borkowski that a downtown streetcar doesn't help our constituents. This choo-choo train idea would only benefit tourists; it would not help our residents get to work in Milwaukee County.

"Our most pressing need at this time is focusing on sustaining our existing bus routes throughout Milwaukee County. Today, the Committee heard that there could be some changes to local routes as we look to institute express service in several key high-volume corridors. We are working with the Milwaukee County Transit System on gathering information on that to get to our constituents. Although there will be some growing pains with these local changes, this approach is much preferred to a scenario that ignores express buses – and the federal funding that supplements it.

"But, again, I thank Supervisor Borkowski for his hard work – as well as the efforts by all Transportation Committee members, the County Board Chairman, and the County Executive – to prioritize transit needs in the 2012 County Budget. Together, we can make some good enhancements to the transit system and avoid major cuts next year."

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